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September 16, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk & Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., GCRM-129

Docket No: 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has received, and had the opportunity to review the above referenced filing made by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "PNG") dated September 15, 2010. Piedmont requested a benchmark cost of gas decrease from the current \$5.60 per dekatherm down to \$4.55 per dekatherm. Piedmont requests these changes to be effective with the first billing cycle in October 2010.

ORS has no objection to Piedmont's request for approval of GCRM-129. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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